

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON LONG-RANGE PLANNING

**Call to Order:** Chair Mike Cuffe, on January 12, 2017 at 8:30 AM, in Room 317B Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Mike Cuffe, Chair (R)  
Sen. Cary Smith, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Mike Hopkins (R)  
Rep. Rae Peppers (D)  
Sen. Jon C. Sesso (D)  
Sen. Jeffrey W. Welborn (R)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Jessica Riffel, Committee Secretary  
Catherine Duncan, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 6, 1/9/2017; HB 8, 1/9/2017; HB 7, 1/9/2017

**HEARING ON HB 6**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:04:02 Rep. Jim Keane (D), HD 73, opened the hearing on HB 6, Renewable resource grants.

**Program Overview / Introduction:**

00:05:47 Mark Bostrom, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

00:10:18 Alice Stanley, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

[EXHIBIT\(jlh09a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jlh09a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jlh09a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jlh09a04\)](#)

00:29:06 Cathy Duncan, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:42:58 Sen. Sesso

00:43:12 Cathy Duncan, LFD

00:43:35 Sen. Sesso

00:43:39 Cathy Duncan, LFD

00:43:57 Anna Miller, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

00:44:55 Sen. Sesso

00:45:05 Anna Miller, DNRC

**Proponents:**

00:45:43 Bob Church, Great West Engineers

00:47:37 Christine Hultin-Brus, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)

00:47:54 Sen. Sesso

00:48:59 Shantil Siaperas, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

00:49:28 Tim Burton, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)

00:50:11 Jeff Wivholm, Montana Association of Conservation Districts (MACD)

00:51:30 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resources Association (MWRA)

00:52:49 Ed Janney, Confederate Gulch Home Owners Association

**Opponents:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:56:15 Sen. Sesso

00:56:59 Alice Stanley, DNRC

00:57:38 Sen. Sesso

00:58:03 Alice Stanley, DNRC

01:00:55 Rep. Peppers

01:01:03 Alice Stanley, DNRC

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:02:05 Rep. Keane

**HEARING ON HB 8****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:09:14 Rep. Jim Keane (D), HD 73, opened the hearing on HB 8, Renewable resource bonds and loans.

**Program Overview / Introduction:**

01:10:09 Anna Miller, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

[EXHIBIT\(jlh09a05\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jlh09a06\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jlh09a07\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jlh09a08\)](#)

01:24:44 Sen. Sesso  
01:25:54 Anna Miller, DNRC  
01:27:03 Sen. Sesso  
01:27:20 Anna Miller, DNRC  
01:28:02 Sen. Sesso  
01:29:36 Cathy Duncan, LFD  
01:29:54 Anna Miller, DNRC  
01:30:35 Cathy Duncan, LFD  
01:31:05 Anna Miller, DNRC  
01:33:31 Chair Cuffe  
01:33:47 Anna Miller, DNRC  
01:33:52 Chair Cuffe  
01:33:58 Sen. Sesso

**Proponents:**

01:38:50 Scott Aspenlieder, Professional Engineering Consultants (PEC)

[EXHIBIT\(jlh09a09\)](#)

01:44:52 Rep. Peppers  
01:45:05 Scott Aspenlieder, PEC  
01:45:26 Chair Cuffe  
01:45:49 Scott Aspenlieder, PEC  
01:45:58 Chair Cuffe  
01:46:00 Scott Aspenlieder, PEC  
01:46:08 Chair Cuffe  
01:46:11 Scott Aspenlieder, PEC  
01:46:38 Krista Lee Evens, Dry Prairie Rural Water Authority (DPRWA)  
01:48:04 Gary Amestoy, Dry Red Water Regional Water Project  
01:49:43 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resources Association (MWRA)  
01:51:32 Jeff Wivholm, Self  
01:52:06 Dennis Williams, Avalanche Irrigation District  
01:54:23 Chair Cuffe  
01:54:31 Dennis Williams, Avalanche Irrigation District  
01:55:19 Daniel Davis, Self

[EXHIBIT\(jlh09a10\)](#)

01:57:12 Shawn Higley, Self

**Opponents:**

01:57:51 Bill Waldren, Confederate Gulch Home Owners Association  
02:00:50 Vikki Sullivan, Self  
02:07:29 Dane Arntz, Self  
02:10:24 Jean Riley, Self  
02:12:27 Philip Fingar, Self  
02:15:11 William Walbourne, Self  
02:15:23 Jeff Brasvitch, Self  
02:19:17 Bud Breining, Self  
02:20:16 Jan Finn, Self  
02:23:20 Rochelle Russell, Big Belt Water Coalition  
02:24:06 Rep. Flynn

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02:28:23 Trevor Reichert, Big Belt Water Coalition  
02:28:35 Cheryl Smith, Self  
02:28:53 Wendy Lancaster, Self  
02:29:13 Mike Mull, Self  
02:29:21 James Lancaster, Self

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

02:30:04 Rep. Peppers  
02:30:35 Jan Finn, Self  
02:31:07 Rep. Peppers  
02:31:18 Jan Finn, Self  
02:31:35 Rep. Flynn  
02:31:44 Rep. Peppers  
02:32:07 Rep. Flynn  
02:32:43 Rep. Peppers  
02:32:54 Rep. Flynn  
02:33:28 Chair Cuffe  
02:33:43 Dennis Williams, Avalanche Irrigation Districts  
02:35:15 Chair Cuffe  
02:35:29 Dennis Williams, Avalanche Irrigation Districts  
02:36:45 Chair Cuffe  
02:37:05 Dennis Williams, Avalanche Irrigation Districts  
02:37:44 Chair Cuffe  
02:38:00 Dennis Williams, Avalanche Irrigation Districts  
02:38:12 Chair Cuffe  
02:39:09 Jeff Brasvitch, Self  
02:40:33 Vikki Sullivan, Self

**Closing by Sponsor:**

02:42:34 Rep. Keane

**HEARING ON HB 7**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

02:43:18 Rep. Jim Keane (D), HD 73, opened the hearing on HB 7, Reclamation and development grants.

**Program Overview / Introduction:**

02:43:50 Alice Stanley, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)  
02:49:24 Cathy Duncan, LFD  
02:50:40 Stephanie Hester, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

**EXHIBIT(jlh09a12)**

02:55:12 Chair Cuffe  
02:55:19 Stephanie Hester, DNRC  
02:56:25 Cathy Duncan, LFD  
02:57:14 Stephanie Hester, DNRC  
02:57:41 Chair Cuffe  
02:57:56 Stephanie Hester, DNRC  
03:00:39 Cathy Duncan, LFD  
03:01:12 Alicia Stickney, Natural Resource Damage Program  
03:02:08 Denise Thompson, Broadwater Conservation District  
03:04:11 Katie Mumford, Broadwater Conservation District

**EXHIBIT(jlh09a13)**

03:07:06 Chair Cuffe  
03:07:24 Katie Mumford, Broadwater Conservation District  
03:08:35 Jim Beck, Broadwater Conservation District  
03:11:22 Chair Cuffe  
03:11:44 Jim Beck, Broadwater Conservation District  
03:12:57 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resources Association (MWRA)  
03:13:31 Joann Wallenburn, Seeley Lake

**EXHIBIT(jlh09a14)**

03:17:16 Chair Cuffe  
03:17:23 Joann Wallenburn, Seeley Lake  
03:18:12 Bryce Maxell, Montana Natural Heritage Program  
  
03:21:51 Matt Wolcott, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)  
03:22:59 Alice Stanley, DNRC

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

03:23:21 Rep. Keane  
  
03:23:37 Ray Beck, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 03:24:39

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Jessica Riffel, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([jlh09aad.pdf](#))**